

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

laminate object conveying means for conveying  
an object to be laminated, i.e., a laminate object;

5        laminate means for effecting laminate  
processing on the laminate object;

drying means for drying the laminate object  
before the laminate object is laminated by said  
laminate means; and

10        means for changing a temperature of said  
drying means between before and when the laminate  
object is conveyed to said drying means.

2. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
15 1, wherein the temperature of said drying means when  
the laminate object is conveyed to said drying means is  
greater than the temperature of said drying means  
before the laminate object is conveyed to said drying  
means.

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3. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
1, wherein said drying means includes an upper drying  
roller for contacting with a surface, to be subjected  
to the laminate processing, of the laminate object, and  
25 a lower drying roller for contacting with a back  
surface of the laminate object, and said upper  
laminating roller has a heater.

4. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
3, wherein, before said lower drying roller is rotated  
by one revolution after the temperature is changed by  
said heater, the laminate object is conveyed to a nip  
5 between said upper drying roller and said lower drying  
roller.

5. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
1, wherein said laminate means including a heat  
10 transferring head disposed at a side of a surface, to  
be subjected to the laminate processing, of the  
laminate object, and a roller disposed at a side of a  
back surface of the laminate object.

6. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
5, wherein said heat transferring head has an  
15 electrothermal converter.

7. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
20 1, wherein laminate object is a recording medium on  
which an image was formed by discharging ink from  
according head.

8. An image forming apparatus according to Claim  
25 7, wherein said recording head has an electrothermal  
converter for generating thermal energy utilized in  
discharging of the ink.